



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66572

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Appln. No.: 10/025,972

Group Art Unit: 2877

Confirmation No.: 7826

Examiner: Michael Patrick STAFIRA

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For: SENSOR UTILIZING ATTENUATED TOTAL REFLECTION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application. All the claims stand presently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the JP-11326194 document.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a sensor utilizing attenuated total reflection, comprising, among other things, a light source, wherein a semiconductor light emitting element that emits light by super radiance is employed as said light source.

In the grounds of rejection, the Examiner states that the JP-11326194 reference discloses the claimed invention except for a semiconductor light emitting element that emits light by super radiance as the light source. The Examiner continues by stating that it would have been obvious

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